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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR ALLOCATIONS FOR TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLY ACQUISITION, PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION IN AREA EDUCATION AGENCY FUNDING, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.

1 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 13 Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 1, Code Supplement
1 14 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1 15 1. STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH. ~~The state percent of growth~~
~~1 16 for the budget year beginning July 1, 2003, is two percent.~~
1 17 The state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July
1 18 1, 2004, is two percent. ~~The state percent of growth for the~~
~~1 19 budget year beginning July 1, 2005, is two percent.~~ The state
1 20 percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2006,
1 21 and each subsequent budget year shall be established by
1 22 statute which shall be enacted within thirty days of the
1 23 submission in the year preceding the base year of the
1 24 governor's budget under section 8.21. The establishment of
1 25 the state percent of growth for a budget year shall be the
1 26 only subject matter of the bill which enacts the state percent
1 27 of growth for a budget year.

1 28 Sec. 2. Section 257.16, Code 2003, is amended by adding
1 29 the following new subsection:

1 30 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the
1 31 amount appropriated from the general fund of the state for
1 32 state foundation and supplementary aid for the fiscal period
1 33 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2006, shall be the
1 34 following:

1 35 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, the sum of
2 1 one billion eight hundred eighty-one million six hundred
2 2 eighty-eight thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars. Of
2 3 the amount appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph, ten
2 4 million dollars shall be used by school districts to assist
2 5 with the purchase of public school textbooks and supplies.
2 6 The amount allocated shall be distributed to school districts
2 7 on a per pupil basis, and shall be used exclusively for
2 8 textbook and supply acquisition for public schools. If any
2 9 portion of the moneys received by a school district for
2 10 textbook and supply acquisition remains unexpended at the end
2 11 of the budget year, the remainder shall be carried over to the
2 12 subsequent budget year and added to the school district's
2 13 textbook and supply acquisition budget for that year.

2 14 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, the sum of
2 15 one billion nine hundred twenty-six million five hundred
2 16 twelve thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars. Of the
2 17 amount appropriated pursuant to this subparagraph, ten million
2 18 dollars shall be used by school districts to assist with the
2 19 purchase of public school textbooks and supplies. The amount
2 20 allocated shall be distributed to school districts on a per
2 21 pupil basis, and shall be used exclusively for textbook and
2 22 supply acquisition for public schools. If any portion of the
2 23 moneys received by a school district for textbook and supply
2 24 acquisition remains unexpended at the end of the budget year,
2 25 the remainder shall be carried over to the subsequent budget
2 26 year and added to the school district's textbook and supply
2 27 acquisition budget for that year.

2 28 b. If the amounts appropriated in this subsection are less
2 29 than the amounts otherwise required pursuant to subsection 1,
2 30 the difference shall be deducted from the payments that
2 31 otherwise would have been required to be made to each school
2 32 district in the same ratio that the budget enrollment of the
2 33 school district for the appropriate budget year bears to the
2 34 total budget enrollment in the state for that budget year.

2 35 Sec. 3. Section 257.35, Code Supplement 2003, is amended
3 1 by adding the following new subsections:

3 2 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Notwithstanding subsection 1, and in
3 3 addition to the reduction applicable pursuant to subsection 2,
3 4 the state aid for area education agencies and the portion of
3 5 the combined district cost calculated for these agencies for

3 6 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and each succeeding
3 7 fiscal year, shall be reduced by the department of management
3 8 by eleven million seven hundred ninety-eight thousand seven
3 9 hundred three dollars. The reduction for each area education
3 10 agency shall be equal to the reduction that the agency
3 11 received in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

3 12 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. Notwithstanding section 257.37, an
3 13 area education agency may use the funds determined to be
3 14 available under this section in a manner which the area
3 15 education agency determines is appropriate to best maintain
3 16 the level of required area education agency special education
3 17 services. An area education agency may also use unreserved
3 18 fund balances for media services or education services in a
3 19 manner which the area education agency determines is
3 20 appropriate to best maintain the level of required area
3 21 education agency special education services.

3 22 Sec. 4. Notwithstanding the thirty-day deadline and
3 23 restrictions for the enactment of the state percent of growth
3 24 provided in section 257.8, subsection 1, such deadline and
3 25 restrictions shall not apply to the Act enacted which
3 26 establishes the state percent of growth during the 2004
3 27 Regular Session of the Eightieth General Assembly.

3 28 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable for
3 29 computing state aid under the state school foundation program
3 30 for the school budget years beginning July 1, 2004, and July
3 31 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

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4 8 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
4 9 is known as Senate File 2124, Eightieth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL
Secretary of the Senate

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Approved _____, 2004

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THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor

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